

**REMARKS**

This is in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 dated November 23, 2005.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 43-99 have now been provided with the proper status identifier, i.e. by indicating as "canceled" (instead of "withdrawn").

Additionally, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that claims 8-14, 16, 17, and 22-29 have been provided with a wrong status identifier, i.e. by indicating as "withdrawn" (instead of "canceled"). These claims have been canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on September 30, 2004. A proper status identifier for these claims, i.e. "canceled", are provided herewith.

Further, claims 40-42 are indicated as having being canceled, and are not pending.

The application now comprises claims 1-7, 15, 31-39, and 100-102.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 15, 31-39, and 100-102 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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